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METAL PLASMA SURFACE MODIFIED THERMAL BARRIER

CHANNEL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 **BOX AMENDMENT** 

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the outstanding Office action dated July 17, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks.

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.(Amended) A method of modifying a thermal barrier assembly comprising a channel, said method comprising:

exposing a surface of said channel to a plasma comprising metal moieties;

and

casing.

depositing said metal moieties on the surface of said channel, wherein said thermal barrier assembly comprises at least a portion of a

4.(Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said thermal barrier assembly comprises at least a portion of a casing [structure] selected from the group consisting of a window casing, door casing and curtain wall casing.

13.(Amended) A thermal barrier assembly comprising:

a channel; and

[comprising] a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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